



Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Pest Detection and Management Programs – Program Update

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Program: *Phytophthora ramorum*

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Trace forward surveys continue and the national survey is underway as PPQ determines the distribution of *Phytophthora ramorum*. The number of confirmed positive locations from the trace forward, national, and other surveys is 134 in 18 states.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture has issued an emergency 90-day quarantine of all nurseries and compost production facilities in Columbia County due to the discovery of *Phytophthora ramorum*. Sampling and testing by ODA has confirmed the presence of *P. ramorum* in plants and potting media at a Columbia County nursery. In addition, infected plants were found just outside the perimeter of the nursery. An ODA press release announcing the order can be viewed at:

<http://egov.oregon.gov/ODA/news/040604sod.shtml>.

APHIS is considering an appropriate regulatory response to the recent discoveries of *P. ramorum* in commercial nurseries not associated with Monrovia Azusa in the states of Oregon and Washington. APHIS has held several discussions with the affected states and stakeholders.

PPQ has confirmed that a camellia reportedly purchased from a nursery in Augusta, Georgia and planted in a residential garden in Aiken, South Carolina was infected *P. ramorum*.

As of June 10, *P. ramorum* has been confirmed in plants traced forward from the initially positive Los Angeles County wholesaler remains at 113 locations in 16 states. The numbers of nurseries or garden centers with positive trace forward samples from the wholesaler by state are California (40), Alabama (3), Arkansas (1), Florida (6), Washington (11), Oregon (9), Texas (9), Colorado (1), Georgia (13), Louisiana (5), Maryland (1), North Carolina (9), New Mexico (1), South Carolina (1), Tennessee (2), and Virginia (1). The Federal confirmed nursery protocol was implemented at these facilities. One residential sample from South Carolina linked to Monrovia has been found positive.

To date, 17 Eastern Region states have begun or completed National Survey activities (Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey, North Carolina, New York, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia). The states have inspected 218 nurseries and collected 4,983 samples. Maryland and New Jersey had one positive facility each. The Western Region reports that 11 states have begun or completed National Survey activities (Arizona, Arkansas, California, Idaho, Iowa, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, and Washington). These states have inspected 317 nurseries and have collected 14,393 samples; 14 facilities in two states, California and Washington, have tested positive.

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